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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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| 1301 | 11/19/63 | capt: SC SA letter to SAC NY | 2 | 1 | No | |
| 1302 | 12/10/63 | Serial 1303 ENCLOSURE TO WFO LETTER | 6 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1303 | 12/10/63 | capt: to NY WFO letter to HQ | 1 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1304 | 11/21/63 | Serial 1305 ENCLOSURE to BERN letter | 3 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1305 | 11/21/63 | capt: to NY LEGAT. BERN letter to HQ | 1 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1306 | 11/26/63 | capt: LA CSJMS SA letter to LA copy to NY | 8 | 0 | No | |
| 1307 | 12/6/63 | capt: YOUTH Publications, Inc. NY letter to LA | 1 | 1 | No | |
| 1308 | 12/10/63 | CIA letter to HQ | 2 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| * 1309 | 5-5-77 | CHARGED OUT TO HQ on 5/5/77 | 1 | 1 | | * does not pertain to Helen |
| * 1310 | 5-5-77 | CHARGED OUT TO HQ on 5/5/77 | 1 | 1 | | Sobell. Misfiled. |
| 1311 | 12/17/63 | SF letter to NY | 4 | 4 | No | |
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| 1312 | 12/26/63 | NY letter to HQ | 1 | — | YES | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1313 | 12/26/63 | gd-315 INS LOOKOUT NOTICE | 1 | 1 | No | |
| 1314 | 1/3/64 | capt. C G. SC SA letter to CG SAC ^{copy to NY} | 7 | 5 | No | |
| 1315 | 1/15/64 | encl: SE SA letter to NY SAC | 2 | 2 | No | |
| 1316 | 1/28/64 | encl: CSSMS SA letter to NY SAC | 2 | 0 | No | |
| 1317 | 12/18/63 | encl: CSSMS SA letter to LA copy to NY | 4 | 1 | No | |
| 1318 | 12/19/63 | encl: ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN SA letter to NY SAC | 2 | 0 | No | |
| 1319 | 12/31/63 | encl: CSSMS NY letter to CG | 6 | 0 | No | |
| 1320 | 2/18/64 | Verification of Deformation | 1 | 1 | No | |
| 1321 | 1/16/64 | encl: CSSMS MP letter to HQ | 1 | 1 | YES | |
| 1322 | 2/12/64 | Serial 1327 Enclosure to Bonn letter | 1 | — | YES | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1323 | 2/12/64 | Serial 1327 Enclosure to Bonn letter | 1 | — | YES | See Bufile 100-404849 |

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| 1324 | 2/12/64 | Serial 1327 Enclosure to Bonn letter | 2 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1325 | 2/12/64 | Serial 1327 Enclosure to Bonn letter | 1 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1326 | 2/12/64 | Serial 1327 Enclosure to Bonn letter | 1 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1327 | 2/12/64 | Bonn letter to HQ | 2 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1328 | 2/12/64 | Cover Sheet for Informant Report | 2 | 1 | No | |
| 1329 | 1/31/64 | cont: CSMs SA letter to NY SAC | 5 | 0 | No | |
| 1330 | 2/12/64 | cont: CSMs SA letter to NY SAC | 3 | 0 | No | |
| 1331 | 2/26/64 | SA letter to SAC | 5 | 5 | No | |
| 1332 | 2/26/64 | cont: SC SA letter to NY SAC | 2 | 2 | No | |
| 1333 | 3/2/64 | cont: CSMs NY letter to CG | 6 | 0 | No | |
| 1334 | 3/4/64 | cont: CONNECTICUT Committee For Solidarity/Action SA letter to NY copy to NY | 2 | 1 | No | |
| 1335 | 3/20/64 | SA letter to NY SAC | 1 | 1 | No | |

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| 1336 | 3/5/64 | copy to NY cont: Comm. Committee for Social Action SA letter to NH | 3 | 3 | No | |
| 1337 | 3/5/64 | cont: Comm. Committee for Social Action SA letter to NH copy to NY | 3 | 3 | No | |
| 1338 | 3/12/64 | Informant Report | 3 | 0 | No | |
| 1339 | 5/6/64 | NY Report to HQ | 22 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-404849 |
| 1340 | 2/10/64 | Informant Report | 2 | — | Yes | See N.Y. File 100-37158 |
| 1341 | 3/18/64 | cont: SC SA letter to NY | 2 | 2 | | |
| 1342 | 3/20/64 | cont: CSJMS NY letter to CG | 3 | 0 | No | |
| 1343 | 3/24/64 | cont: CSJMS NY letter to CG | 6 | 0 | No | |
| 1344 | 4/20/64 | cont: CSJMS NY letter to BA | 5 | 0 | No | |
| 1345 | 4/22/64 | SOP. letter to NY | 1 | 1 | No | |
| 1346 | 4/23/64 | cont: SC SA letter to NY | 2 | 2 | No | |
| 1347 | 4/27/64 | cont: SC SA letter to NY | 1 | 1 | No | |

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| 1348 | 4/30/64 | copy to N.Y. SA letter to LA | 2 | 1 | No | |
| 1349 | 4/30/64 | cont. CSJMS SA letter to LA | 2 | 1 | No | |
| 1350 | 4/28/64 | cont: CSJMS N.Y. letter to NH | 2 | 0 | No | |
| 1351 | 3/25/64 | Indices Search Slip | 3 | 3 | No | |
| 1352 | 5/11/64 | cont: CSJMS NY letter to NH | 2 | 2 | No | |
| 1353 | 5/12/64 | cont: CSJMS NY letter to PH | 4 | 2 | No | |
| 1354 | 5/12/64 | cont: CSJMS NY letter to PH | 4 | 2 | No | |
| 1355 | 5/15/64 | cont: CSJMS NY letter to NH | 3 | 2 | No | |
| 1356 | 5/4/64 | NY letter to HQ | 2 | — | Yes | See Bufile 100-104849 |
| 1357 | 5/18/64 | cont: CSJMS SA letter to NY | 5 | 0 | No | |
| 1358 | 6/10/64 | cont: LA SC SA letter to LA | 2 | 1 | No | |
| 1359 | 6/25/64 | cont: CSJMS CV Airtel to HQ | 1 | 0 | Yes | |

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| 1360 | 6/3/64 | cont: C STMS copy to NY WFO letter to HQ | 1 | 0 | YES | |
| 1361 | 6/22/64 | cont: C STMS copy to NY CV Airtel to HQ | 1 | 1 | YES | Fineman |
| 1362 | 6/18/64 | cont: SC SA letter to NY | 2 | 2 | No | |
| 1363 | 6/19/64 | cont: C STMS SA letter to NY | 3 | 0 | No | |
| 1364 | 7/3/64 | cont: C STMS copy to NY KC letter to HQ | 1 | 1 | Yes | Fineman |
| 1365 | 7/7/64 | cont: SABEL (ROSENBERG - SABER) Cont Clark letter to CV | 3 | 0 | No | |
| 1366 | 6/24/64 | cont: C STMS NY letter to CG | 5 | 0 | No | |
| 1367 | 7/13/64 | cont: NC STMS copy to NY Clark letter to CV | 4 | 0 | No | |
| 1368 | 7/13/64 | cont: C STMS copy to NY SA letter to DE | 2 | 2 | No | |
| 1369 | 7/9/64 | cont: CG SC SA letter to CG copy to NY | 4 | 4 | No | |
| 1370 | 7/20/64 | Informant Report | 3 | 0 | No | |
| 1371 | 6/30/64 | cont: CA SC copy to NY SA letter to LA | 5 | 5 | No | |

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| 1372 | 8/6/64 | cont: CSJMS SA letter to SAC ^{copy to NY} | 6 | 6 | No | |
| 1373 | 10/8/64 | Verification of Information | 1 | 1 | No | |
| 1374 | 7/2/64 7/9/64 | Informant Report | 5 | 0 | No | |
| 1375 | 8/14/64 | cont: SC SA letter to NY | 1 | 1 | No | |
| 1376 | 8/20/64 | cont: LA. SC ^{copy to NY} SA letter to LA | 4 | 1 | No | |
| 1377 | 8/31/64 | cont: CSJMS NY letter to DE | 5 | 0 | No | |
| 1378 | 9/9/64 | cont: CSJMS NY letter to DE | 4 | 3 | No | |
| 1379 | 9/16/64 | NK Informant Report to NY | 2 | 2 | No | |
| 1380 | 9/29/64 | cont: CSJMS NY letter to DE | 5 | 0 | No | |
| 1381 | 10/7/64 | cont: LA. SC ^{copy to NY} SA letter to LA | 4 | 1 | No | |
| 1382 | 10/16/64 | cont: SC SA letter to NY | 2 | 2 | No | |
| 1383 | 10/21/64 | SA to NY Informant Report | 2 | 0 | No | |

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| 1384 | 10/15/64 | cont: 1KUF SA letter to NY | 4 | 1 | NO | |
| 1385 | 10/26/64 | cont: C STMS NY letter to LA | 5 | 0 | NO | |
| 1386 | 12/11/64 | SA to NY Informant Report | 2 | 0 | NO | |
| 1387 | 11/17/64 | cont: C STMS SA letter to NY | 6 | 0 | NO | |
| 1388 | 11/24/64 | cont: C STMS NY letter to LA | 2 | 1 | NO | |
| 1389 | 11/24/64 | Informant Report | 2 | 0 | NO | |
| 1390 | 11/29/64 | Informant Report | 2 | 0 | NO | |
| 1391 | 12/16/64 | cont: SC SA letter to NY | 2 | 2 | NO | |
| 1392 | 12/23/64 | Informant Report | 3 | 0 | NO | |
| 1393 | 12/24/64 | Informant Report | 4 | 0 | NO | |
| 1394 | 12/24/64 | Cover Sheet for Informant Report | 1 | - | YES | NY 100-37158 |
| 1395 | 12/24/64 | cont: CASC SA letter to LA | 5 | - | YES | NY 100-37158 |

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (41)

DATE: 11/19/63

FROM: SA [REDACTED] (41) B7C

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The information on the attached FD-302 was furnished on a confidential basis. The source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the check information was obtained. The source has furnished reliable information in the past.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-141893)

SUBJECT: YOUTH PUBLICATIONS, INC.
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

Date: 12/6/63

Youth Publications, Inc., Room 233, 799 Broadway, NYC, published the magazine "New Horizons For Youth," volume 3, number 2, containing articles by the following individuals and organizations:

LIONEL LIBSON; Progressive Youth Organizing Committee; Gene Foreman; Mrs. Helen Sobell; Jim Williams; Bettina Aptheker; Jean Sherman and Lionel Rolfe.

A copy of "New Horizons For Youth" is being furnished to each office for information.

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3-Philadelphia (100-49099) (Encl. 1) (RM)
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3-San Francisco (Encl. 1) (RM)
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

DATE: 12/17/63

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-37058)(RUC)

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL, aka
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

On 11/13/63, the above captioned Subject appeared as a guest on the Ira Blue Show over KGO Radio, San Francisco, California, originating from the Hungry I, a night club located at 599 Jackson. The program began with the narrator, IRA BLUE, presenting a brief summary of the MORTON SOBELL case. He then introduced HELEN SOBELL and the following is a transcript of the interview:

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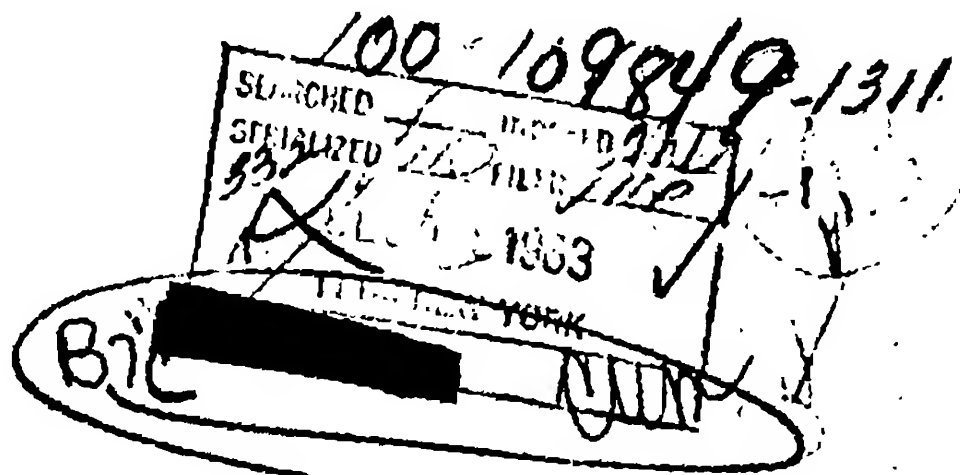
SOBELL: "Some eight months."

BLUE: "Some eight months. That would mean that he has spent from 1950 to the present time incarcerated."

SOBELL: "This is the 14th year."

BLUE: "This is the 14th year. The charges against MORTON SOBELL were as follows: He was not charged with being a traitor. He was not charged with treason. I'm trying to give this information to you without any feelings one way or the other, although by necessity, I think everyone has feelings one way or the other. The charges were conspiracy to commit espionage, due to his association with Mr. and Mrs. ROSENBERG, who were later found guilty and executed for espionage, the only execution, I believe, to ever take place in peace time in the history of the United States. Mr. SOBELL's accuser, the one witness against him,

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was a witness named MAX ELITCHER, who admitted to perjury prior to the trial and during the trial in that he failed to declare he was a member of the Communist Party in a prior affidavit - I think in 1947. The judge, Federal Judge KAUFFMAN, instructed the jury that if they believed MAX ELITCHER's testimony, they were to find Mr. SOBELL guilty. If they did not believe ELITCHER's testimony, they were to acquit MORTON SOBELL. The jury chose to believe MAX ELITCHER's testimony and the judge then proceeded to, as we say in the jargon of the court, throw the book at MORTON SOBELL, sentencing him to a term of 30 years in prison for having conspired - having been found guilty of conspiring to commit espionage. It was later on stated, or stated at that time, there was no indication that anything MORTON SOBELL did did harm to the United States, however, he was part of a conspiracy which they believed was harmful to the country. Mr. SOBELL served six of his 14 years in prison in Alcatraz, a very honourous, terrible prison. He was eligible for parole in 1962, and the current move on the part of Mrs. SOBELL is to have her husband freed to return to normal life because the justification for imprisonment is rehabilitation rather than punishment, as we see it, and many people feel, although America is a believer in punishment as well as rehabilitation, so therein lies a great deal of difference between me and a lot of other people. I would like to know, Mrs. SOBELL, what kind of a husband and father was MORTON SOBELL prior to his involvement with the government?"

SOBELL: "My husband was an excellent father and excellent husband and as far as his mother and his sisters were concerned, too, he has always been a very good human being. He is also an intelligent, educated and a gifted person."

BLUE: "Didn't he hold a position of rather great importance at the Reeves Instrument Company at the time of his difficulty?"

SOBELL: "Yes, my husband is a very fine engineer. It is a fact, of course, that he is a completely innocent man, that he has never committed any kind of espionage or conspiracy against our country but on the contrary, has done many socially useful and productive things, even in prison. He has continued to try and find a meaning in life. While he was in Alcatraz he did work that was useful and in Atlanta too. He did the engineering work at the million-dollar prison plant there. He has, in fact, a great aptitude in engineering. He has continued his studies."

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BLUE: "Does he hold an engineering degree?"

SOBELL: "Yes, my husband has a Master's Degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. He was offered a fellowship there but refused during the time of the war because, as he wrote the dean at the time, he felt he could make a greater contribution to our country by working in the field and he would do war work, as we both did during that time."

BLUE: "Well, Mrs. SOBELL, I was particularly interested in your statement that in view of the fact that a jury of his peers, as you know we are a country of laws, found him guilty of a charge for which he found himself on trial. What I am interested in is the value to society of this man or the fault of society, in keeping him in prison for this length of time and whether, if he gets out of prison, what he will do and what plans there are for him in the event he is released on a parole basis. After all, I don't think you are trying to get a commutation of sentence, are you?"

SOBELL: "Well, I understand your position completely with respect to the question of innocence. I happen to know...."

BLUE: "Well, you happen to feel, in other words, that your position is one that you fear closer than I am."

SOBELL: "And....." (Blue interrupts)

BLUE: "I admire you for standing on your two feet in saying that and I would certainly consider it wrong if you did otherwise but has your plans in the event - can you offer the court certain characterizations of safety? Have opportunities been offered your husband to become a normal productive citizen in the event he is released?"

SOBELL: "The criteria that is set up by the parole board for release are that a person have employment offered to him; that he has a stable home situation into which to move and that there be someone who will act as his parole advisor - a member of society who has the competence to take on this kind of a responsibility. We have, in fact, full employment waiting for MORTON. The Social Action Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation - Rabi (Unitelli) has offered to be the parole adviser for my husband and I think that you will understand that there is no question but that we, who are his family, will not only be willing, but eager to have him home again. The

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children, MORTON's mother and I have spent all of these long years in the fight for MORTON's freedom because we love him and because we, ourselves, do know his innocence."

BLUE: "Well that pretty well covers it."

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BLUE: "Does he hold an engineering degree?"

SOBELL: "Yes, my husband has a Master's Degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. He was offered a fellowship there but refused during the time of the war because, as he wrote the dean at the time, he felt he could make a greater contribution to our country by working in the field and he would do war work, as we both did during that time."

BLUE: "Well, Mrs. SOBELL, I was particularly interested in your statement that in view of the fact that a jury of his peers, as you know we are a country of laws, found him guilty of a charge for which he found himself on trial. What I am interested in is the value to society of this man or the fault of society, in keeping him in prison for this length of time and whether, if he gets out of prison, what he will do and what plans there are for him in the event he is released on a parole basis. After all, I don't think you are trying to get a commutation of sentence, are you?"

SOBELL: "Well, I understand your position completely with respect to the question of innocence. I happen to know...."

BLUE: "Well, you happen to feel, in other words, that your position is one that you fear closer than I am."

SOBELL: "And....." (Blue interrupts)

BLUE: "I admire you for standing on your two feet in saying that and I would certainly consider it wrong if you did otherwise but has your plans in the event - can you offer the court certain characterizations of safety? Have opportunities been offered your husband to become a normal productive citizen in the event he is released?"

SOBELL: "The criteria that is set up by the parole board for release are that a person have employment offered to him; that he has a stable home situation into which to move and that there be someone who will act as his parole advisor - a member of society who has the competence to take on this kind of a responsibility. We have, in fact, full employment waiting for MORTON. The Social Action Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation - Rabi (Unitelli) has offered to be the parole adviser for my husband and I think that you will understand that there is no question but that we, who are his family, will not only be willing, but eager to have him home again. The

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children, MORTON's mother and I have spent all of these long years in the fight for MORTON's freedom because we love him and because we, ourselves, do know his innocence."

BLUE: "Well that pretty well covers it."

The above interview is submitted for the information of New York.

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SOBEL

Helen

Levitov

(Last)

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Address

30 Charlton Street,

New York,

New York

(Number and street)

(City)

(State)

Date of birth (include
month, day, year)

3/13/18

Nationality

U.S. citizen

Identifying Number

☒ Passport

C-740194

Requesting office

New York

Type of request

☒ F1 ☐ F2 ☐ F3☐ Alien Registration☐ OtherDate of request
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On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, submitted through the mail to SA [REDACTED] a leaflet regarding the 11/23/63 affair of the Chicago Sobell Committee and written report regarding this affair. The leaflet is retained in the subject LA file and the written report is retained in [REDACTED]

The leaflet reads as follows:

(MORTON SOBELL) (RM)

(HELEN SOBELL) (RM)

Chicago

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// Saturday - November 23, 1963
Sale Starts 1:00 PM
Evening Sale & Program from 8:30 PM

A joyous evening of diversified
entertainment, refreshments,
and fun purchasing of items of
extraordinary interest and value.
Many perfect holiday gift selections.
All very reasonably marked.

Our honored guest
HELEN SOBELL
in Chicago to attend a
committee conference
Helen will tell of her work
in Europe this summer

GALA WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. PHILIP BRAIL
4745 S. Kimbark Avenue

Auspices: Chicago Sobell Committee / Donation: One dollar

The Informant's written report reads as follows:

Chicago, Illinois
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The Chicago Sobell Committee sponsored a White
Elephant Sale on Saturday, 11/23/63, at the home of PHIL
and BLANCHE BRAIL, 4745 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, Illinois.
The actual sale started at 1:00 PM. The program featuring
Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, as guest speaker, started in the evening
at 8:30 PM. Without the purchase of a single item, admission
at the entrance door was \$1.00. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
All cash collected is used for the purpose of continuing
and pressuring for release of MORTON SOBELL. About 50
individuals attended this evening session, nearly all Jewish.

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Mrs. HELEN SOBELL's presence here was attributed to the effect that she is to attend a Committee Conference on Sunday, 11/24/63 starting at 10:00 AM at the Wabash YMCA, 825 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of raising funds and financial assistance from private individuals to continue her campaign and pressure for the release of her husband from federal prison in Springfield, Missouri; Mrs. SOBELL's talk dealt with the encouraging support she received from scientists of Sweden, Belgium, England and Denmark in the form of signed letters and petitions for the release of MORTON SOBELL; that SOBELL was unjustly convicted for a crime he was innocent of and that now his health was precarious (a drop in weight from 170 to 128); that now they (Mrs. SOBELL and her husband) had reached a definite conclusion that after serving 14 years as an innocent man, the immediate basis for his release would be sought in a demand that SOBELL is innocent; that his vicious prosecutor, ROY COHEN, told a pack of lies and now, himself, is under indictment; that this is sufficient evidence to discredit the conviction obtained by COHEN; Mrs. SOBELL indicated that her campaign for her husband in Europe proved successful financially as well from fellow scientists to continue her legal battle to clear and free her husband.

Individuals recognized:

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It was learned from several comments heard that this White Elephant Sale was a huge success financially [REDACTED] b7D

PHIL BRAIL, host; pleaded for private financial contributions and gave assurance that such contributions would be kept in strict confidence by the Chicago Sobell Committee; [REDACTED] b7D

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Meeting and discussion ended at about 1:00 p.m.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (41)

DATE:

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FROM:

SA [REDACTED] B7C

SUBJECT:

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The information on the FD-302 was made available by

[REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York
Trust Company, B7D

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- 1 - New York (100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL) (424)
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Date December 27, 1963

A review of the bank account of [REDACTED] reflected the following [REDACTED]

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The person to be subpoenaed is

Chemical Bank New York Trust Company,
15th Avenue and 20th Street, New York City.

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On 12/27/63 at New York File # 100-107111

by SA [redacted] vem Date dictated 12/27/63

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SA [REDACTED] (421) B7C

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FOR MORTON SOBELL
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A copy of informant's report follows:

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The goal of the committee is a new campaign for a full pardon for MORTON SOLELL. [REDACTED]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 12/18/63

FROM: SA [REDACTED] B7C

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)
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Informant's report is quoted as follows:

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100-10984 (HELEN SOBELL)

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ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further. All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

APPENDIXCITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised, December 1, 1961, pp.43-44, describes this committee as follows:

"The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms * * * specializes in propaganda aimed at abolishing the Committee on Un-American Activities and discrediting the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Created in Los Angeles in 1952, the front organization is run by FRANK WILKINSON, an identified Communist who recently resumed the full-time, paid post of executive secretary after approximately a year's leave of absence to assist in a similar campaign by another front in New York City, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

"When the Committee on Un-American Activities held hearings in Los Angeles, September 2-5, 1958, to inquire into the nature of the Party's recent reorganization in California, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms sponsored a series of public meetings to protest the hearings and the very existence of the Committee. Communists subpoenaed as witnesses were guests of honor.

"At this time, leaders of the party's Southern California District, were mobilizing Communists in the area for participation in an intensified campaign to abolish this committee of Congress. How the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms served the party in this effort was revealed by (Communist Party) District Chairman DOROTHY HEALEY in a report to the party's Southern California District Council on September 21, 1958. Mrs. HEALEY declared that the party preferred public protest meetings to be held by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms rather than under party auspices because Communists could attend without danger of being exposed as members of the party. She also noted that Communists scheduled as congressional committee witnesses could not appear beforehand at openly Communist rallies without creating the impression that the party was conspiring with witnesses to withhold information from the committee."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 259 on the Southern California District of the Communist Party, April 3, 1959, pp. 7 and 8.)

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE: SOBELL, HELEN
100-109849

Office File

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: Apt. 5-B, 30 Charlton Street, New York, New York
Employment: Staff Member, Committee to Secure Justice for
Address: Morton Sobell, Room D, 940 Broadway, New York, New York
Labor Union Affiliation:

Defense Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and [REDACTED] should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record. B7E

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: Same

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source:

Date: 2/25/64

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Employment: Same

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Defense Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tab Detcom: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date: 3/11/64

Verified by SA:

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date 3/12/64

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

January 16, 1964

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-8894) (C)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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OO - New York

Re Los Angeles airtel dated 11/16/63 and Los Angeles
teletype dated 11/18/63.

By the referenced communications, it was reported
HELEN SOBELL was leaving the Los Angeles area [REDACTED]

checks with [REDACTED]

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informants

failed to [REDACTED]

solicit any information [REDACTED]

In view of the above, no further inquiries will be
made by the Minneapolis Office.

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TO: SAC, WFO (100-2074)

FROM: SA [REDACTED], JR. B7C

SUBJECT: CSJMS
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Dictated 2/12/64 to [REDACTED] B7C
Transcribed 2/12/64
Authenticated by informant 2/18/64

Date of Report

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Remarks:

This informant has furnished reliable information in the past.

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"February 12, 1964

"The following was learned from [REDACTED] B7D

"There were approximately thirty to forty people present at the home of Dr. Irving and Mrs. Helen Winik, Saturday, February 8, 1964. [REDACTED] B7D

"Helen Sobell was the speaker at this meeting and talked about the arrangements which were made for transferring her husband, Morton Sobell, into a better prison. She said he is now in a hospital ward and doing nicely. She mentioned the stupid things the guards at the prison did and gave the following example:

"Her son wanted to take his father some books on electronics. The guards did not permit him to bring in these books but permitted him to bring in other books. When they went out at lunch time, her son carried the books out with him and he came back and exchanged the approved books for the books on electronics. They were not checked by the guard at the door."

This memorandum has been compared with the original statement and it is correct in substance.

All necessary action which should be taken in connection with this information has been taken.

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OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

ccs:

4 - New York (RM)
1-100-107111 SOBELL COMMITTEE
1-100-109849 HELEN SOBELL

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"HELEN SOBELL has been very successful in the West, and is determined to fight until her husband is released.

"A Rev. DAVID ANDREWS was arrested in front of the White House some three years ago when he was carrying a sign for the parole of NORTON SOBELL. He

"The main source of income for the committee is obtained from clothing etc. which is sold at a rummage sale in a store in Washington Heights. Much of this

Travel \$17.00 Food and lodge \$20.00

This memo has been reviewed with the informant.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(1) A leaflet put out by the Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York, New York, headed "Film Premiere-Dramatic Documentary Probing The Public Issue on America's Conscience - 'MORTON SOBELL - A Plea For Justice'"

(2) A leaflet headed "Citizens Full Pardon For MORTON SOBELL" which reads as follows:

"CITIZENS FULL PARDON FOR MORTON SOBELL

"President LYNDON B. JOHNSON has called upon our nation to 'bind our wounds, to heal our sores, to make our society well.' In the national effort to end the atmosphere of immorality and malice that concerns us all, we must come to grips with the festering case of MORTON SOBELL.

"I am innocent," MORTON SOBELL has cried out through more than 13 years of imprisonment. We believe him. Some of the most eminent persons in the United States and abroad have found the evidence barren, questioned the fairness of the trial, and voiced shock at the extreme cruelty of the 30-year sentence.

"As responsible citizens, in whose name MORTON SOBELL's imprisonment continues, we cannot be associated with such a denial of justice to a man and his family, and to our nation's ideals. We wish to join in granting on behalf of the public conscience a CITIZENS FULL PARDON to MORTON SOBELL.

"We respectfully call upon the President of the United States to make this an official act of the United States government.

"The Petition will be headed by a selected list of those who have stated their belief in MORTON SOBELL's innocence:

"UREY, BUBER, CASALS, RUSSELL, PAULING, BEALS, BILLINGS, FARRELL, MAC NAMARA, MC CORMACK, PONTON, SHARP, VANZETTI"

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(3) A leaflet with letter head of "Committee To Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL - 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y." which lists Mrs. MORTON SOBELL and Mrs. ROSE SOBELL as chairmen and gives a "partial" list of Honorary Sponsors. This leaflet has the following message under the heading "To Make Our Society Well."

"President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, voicing the soul-searching anguish over the unhealthy atmosphere in our country, has called upon our nation 'to bind our wounds, to heal our sores, to make our society well.'

"For more than a decade now the Rosenberg-Sobell case has been a basic example of the malignancy afflicting America. The seeds of mob violence today could be seen in that frightening moment of June 19, 1953, when a throng across from the White House cheered and rang cowbells at the news that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG had been electrocuted.

"The immorality that could enable the United States Government itself to take the lives of parents maintaining their innocence despite pleas from world notables including Pope Pius XII has continued to fester all these years with the refusal to free MORTON SOBELL despite his innocence.

"The ROSENBERGS, WILLIAM L. MOORE, MEDGAR EVERS, the Birmingham children are among those who are now dead because of hate and violence. How many signs does a nation need before it turns from the road that winds from a blood-thirsty cheer when persons are executed in the McCarthy era to the reported cheering by some school children when the President of the United States is foully murdered?

"No American, great or humble, is safe when injustice and immorality are permitted to flourish. It is this understanding that has impelled so many thousands to act in the Rosenberg-Sobell case even though it might have been more comfortable to sit on the sidelines.

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"We hope that in the context of the many sermons and public statements today sounding the alarm at events in our time we will be better able to get across to the public and meaning of a case of injustice and cruelty to an individual. For 14 years MORTON SOBELL has been subjected to the harshest punishments available, through Alcatraz, through Atlanta, and now that his health has been impaired, at the Prison Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri. The freeing of MORTON SOBELL at last, coupled with the righting of other injustices plaguing us all, must be a prime subject of concern for our new President, and we urge everyone to call this to his attention."

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[REDACTED] The three documents are being retained in [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (41) DATE: 2/26/64

FROM: SA [REDACTED] B7C (#41)

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE
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[REDACTED] Chemical Bank NY Trust Company,
5th Avenue & 20th Street, NYC. B7D

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- 1 - New York (100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL) (424)
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Date January 29, 1964

A review of the [REDACTED]
reflected the following [REDACTED]

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The above information is not to be made public
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The person to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Co., 5th Avenue and
20th St., New York City.

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On 1/29/64 at New York File # 100-107111
by SA [REDACTED] nbc Date dictated 1/29/64

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SA [REDACTED] *B7C*

CONNECTICUT COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL ACTION
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On 2/27/64, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information
in the past, made available [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has been placed in the exhibit
section of New Haven file 100-17684, is as follows: *b7d*

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 for Morton Sobell)
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TO : SAC, NY (100-109849)

DATE: 3/20/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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The last annual investigative report in captioned case was submitted 4/29/63.

It is suggested that this case be reopened for the submission of an annual investigative report.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-17684) DATE: 3/5/64

FROM: SA [REDACTED] B7C

SUBJECT: CONNECTICUT COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL ACTION
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On 2/27/64, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the following written report, the original of which is located in New Haven file [REDACTED] B7D

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(1-100-17767, Helen Sobell) B7C

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2 - NEW YORK (RM)

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"Feb. 25, 1964

"On Feb. 22, 1964 I attended a program at the home of DAVID GOLDBERG, 400 Fountain St., New Haven, Conn. This gathering was for the purpose of raising funds to carry on MORTON SOBELL's quest for release from prison. JOHN MARSALKA introduced DAVID GOLDBERG as the prime mover of the 'Committee for Social Action', who rose and read a short poem by CLARENCE DARROW. This poem said in effect that people cannot expect perfect justice but must keep trying to attain it if not for themselves then for other.

"A 30 minute film was shown depicting interviews with several persons who all invariably stated that the 30 year sentence was all out proportion. This film was made by professionals who we were led to believe all donated their services.

"HELEN SOBELL was then introduced and spoke for about an hour telling the circumstances surrounding her husband's arrest, that is the immediate circumstances. She described the effect on her son who is now 14½ years old but it was very noticeable to me that she didn't go into SOBELL's life previous to his arrest, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I had B7D
read quite a bit about SOBELL in the National Guardian and have received requests for donations in the mails from time to time and didn't actually learn anything new from her talk.

"Mrs. SOBELL was in Europe last year or the year before and had a folio full of clippings taken from newspaper in Italy, England & France.

"LOU ZEMEL had preceded her in Europe to lay the groundwork as she put it and she was very well received. I also noticed that not once did she mention the Soviet Union.

"LOU ZEMEL then got up to speak and also to act as the fund-raiser. [REDACTED] B7D

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Some of the people had prepared refreshments which were served with coffee.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-17684)

DATE: 3/5/64

FROM: SA [REDACTED] *B7C*

SUBJECT: CONNECTICUT COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL ACTION
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On 2/27/64, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the following written report, the original of which is located in New Haven file [REDACTED] *B7D*

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(1-100-17684)

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(1-100-17767, Helen Sobell) *B7C*

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"February 25, 1964

"On Saturday evening, February 22, 1964, I was invited to the home of ALICE and DAVID GOLDBERG, 400 Fountain Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

"HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, was the guest speaker, to raise funds for the continuance of her efforts to get MORTON released from prison.

"JOHN MARSALKA introduced DAVID GOLDBERG, praising him for opening his home for this worthwhile function, as he has done so many times in the past - on other important occasions.

"Mr. GOLDBERG read a poem by CLARENCE DARROW which stated although we cannot expect perfect justice we must keep trying - if not for ourselves then for others.

"A 30 minute film was shown with several people being interviewed - attorneys and jurists - all stating the evidence on which MORTON SOBELL was convicted was very slim - the star witness against him being a self-admitted perjurer.

"HELEN SOBELL then spoke for about an hour - a very soft-spoken woman - and quite sure of herself. [REDACTED] B7D

"She spoke of her trip to Europe last year and had many newspaper and magazine clippings in a portfolio which she showed to her audience.

"She has a 14½ year old son - whom she spoke about at great lengths. I learned later that she also has a daughter - but said nothing about her. I don't know how old she is (the daughter).

"A collection was taken up [REDACTED]

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"After the speech someone asked Mrs. SOBELL what she and her husband were doing in Mexico at the time he was arrested. She replied, 'We were on a vacation' - but somehow her reply did not ring true.

"Refreshments, supplied by some of the ladies, was served. The meeting broke up at about 11:00 P.M.

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (41) DATE: 3/18/64

FROM: SA [REDACTED] (#41)
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SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

The information on the attached FD-302 was furnished on a confidential basis. The source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the check information was obtained. The source has furnished reliable information in the past.

The information on the FD-302 was made available by:

[REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York
[REDACTED] 200th St. NYC
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The original longhand of the FD-302 is maintained as an attachment to this memorandum in captioned case file, serial 5563.

- 1 - New York (100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL) (424)
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A review of the bank account of [REDACTED] b7D

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The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The person to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, Fifth Avenue, and 20th Street, New York City.

100-109849-1341

On 2/26/64 at New York File # 100-107111

by SA [REDACTED] ^{BK}_{vem} Date dictated 2/26/64

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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/22/64

FROM : SUP. [REDACTED] #33 B7C

SUBJECT : HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL
SM-C

Bureau teletype dated 4/13/64 instructed that a letterhead memorandum be disseminated to Secret Service on all Security Index cases. Cationed subject is listed on the Security Index by virtue of previous Espionage or Internal Security-R connections. Accordingly, a letterhead memorandum must be prepared on this subject.

The Agent to whom this matter is assigned will review the instructions of Supervisor [REDACTED] dated 4/20/64, which is available on the Section 33 Supervisor's desk, and will thereafter conduct such file review and investigation as may be necessary and rough draft an appropriate letterhead memorandum. B7C

Since this entire project must be completed within 30 days, each Agent should complete his assignment within 10 working days of the date of this memorandum.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)(41) DATE: 4/23/64

FROM: SA [REDACTED] B7C (#41)

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

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The information on the FD-302 was made available by:

[REDACTED] Bank New York
Trust Company, 5th Avenue & 20th Street, NYC

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- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
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A review of the account reflected
The following [redacted] B7D

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The above information is not to be made public without
the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The person to be subpoenaed is [redacted]

Chemical Bank New York Trust Co., 200 Avenue

200 St. St. NYC. [redacted] B7D

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On 3/27/64 at New York File # 100-107111

by SA [redacted] b7C
Date dictated 3/27/64

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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SA [REDACTED] #353 B7C

SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

The 4/16/64 issue of the "AMERIKAI MAGYAR SZO", on page 12, contained an article entitled "Rally for Acquittal of M. Sobell". The article reads as follows:

"The Sobell Defense Committee will hold a mass rally in the new large room at Cooper Union, (Astor Place and 4th Ave) in New York. The meeting, called 'New York Citizens Full Pardon for Morton Sobell', has for its goal to convince Americans of his innocence, and publicly absolve the 14 years that Sobell has been in prison. There have been more than 15,000 signatures to petitions which the Defense Committee has turned over to the government with the thought that it should be enough.

"The chief speaker of the above rally will be Professor Fred Rodell of the Yale Law School, who wrote a book about the innocence of Sobell who was convicted in the spy charges arising from the Rosenberg-Sobell trial in 1951. Rose Sobell, Morton's mother, and his wife, Helen, have fought tirelessly for 14 years to obtain his freedom.

"The rally will be held, Thursday, April 23, at 8:00 PM".

1 - 65-3310 (AMS)
1 - 100-109849 (H. Sobell)
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1 - 100-107111

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-45973)

DATE: 4/30/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED] B7C

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL
SM-C

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| [REDACTED] B7D | Meeting of Committee for HELEN SOBELL, 607 S. Western Ave. L.A. [REDACTED] B7D | 4/15/64 | Writer | [REDACTED] B7D |
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Informant furnished the following written report:

"Time: [REDACTED] 6:00 P.M. Saturday B7D
"Place: Park Manor, Western and 6th, Los Angeles,
Calif.
"Sponsor: Committee for HELEN SOBELL - dinner and
entertainment.

"This turned out to be a group of mostly older Jewish
people in room 6#, [REDACTED] B7D
Frankly, judging from the activities listed in the Peoples World
there hasnt been much activity of any consequence."

[REDACTED] B7D
1 - New York - REGISTERED
100-109849 (HELEN SOBELL)

cc: [REDACTED] B7D

97-16 (PEOPLE'S WORLD)
100-41648 (LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE)

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ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

DATE: 4/30/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED] B7C

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)
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Informant furnished the following described item:

[REDACTED] b1

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

2 - New York - REGISTERED
100- (HELEN SOBELL)
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cc: [REDACTED] b-1

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APPENDIXCOMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on August 19, 1953, that the Los Angeles Sobell Committee is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate of captioned organization.

Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL," the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 16, 1963, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Subject

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 3/25/64

Subject HELEN LEVITON SOBELL

Aliases MRS. MORTON SOBELL

Address 30 Charlton St., NYC

Birth Date 3/13/18

Birthplace Washington, DC

Race W

Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

☐ All References

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| <u>Mrs. Morton Sobell</u> | | | |
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14203)

DATE 5/11/64

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NEW YORK)

The following report appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of 4/26/64, on page 2, columns 4-5:

Big Meeting At Cooper Union Calls For
Liberation of Morton Sobell by A. STRAUSS

Three thousand signatures on petitions to free Morton Sobell, victim of the 1951 Mc Carthy-hysteria, were presented to his wife, Helen Sobell, at a big meeting at Cooper Union, on Thursday evening, April 23rd. Sobell has been behind bars for fourteen years on a 30 year sentence. The almost one thousand people gave an ovation to the appeal by Mrs. Sobell, (whose two children were seated on the platform), that they continue to collect thousands of signatures in this country, and abroad, demanding the liberation of her husband and the father of his two children.

Pointing out that it was Roy Cohn, who is now being tried for perjury and denying facts, who, as assistant prosecutor, helped in the conspiracy against Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and against her husband, Morton Sobell, that after they illegally kidnapped Sobell, they requested that he testify against the Rosenbergs, then they would not try him and he would be freed of the charges.

3-New Haven [REDACTED]
(1 [REDACTED]) B7C
2-Philadelphia [REDACTED]
(1 [REDACTED])
2-Washington Field (100-25474) (RM)
(1-DONNA ALLEN)
1-New York (100-21) (MORNING FREIHEIT) (#41)
1-New York (100-109849) (HELEN SOBELL) (#45)
1-New York (100-89559) (MARSHALL PERLIN) (#46)
1-New York (100-107111) (CSJMS) (#41)

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Mr. Marshall Perlin, chief Sobell defense lawyer, in a powerful speech, related that on his last visit to his client, a short time ago, at the Springfield Jail, in Missouri, he found Sobell in better health. He pointed out that Sobell categorically refused to make any concessions whatsoever in conjunction with the fight to free himself - and that the only condition for his liberation is a full pardon and lifting of the charges that he participated in espionage against the land of his birth - the United States.

Powerful speeches were also delivered by: the famous intellectual, Prof. Fred. Rodell, of Yale University, who demanded that Roy Cohn now fill Morton Sobell's jail cell; Dr. B. Dunham, who pointed out that the conscience of America must be aroused by the frightful injustice of keeping an innocent peace-fighter in jail on the basis of a Mc Carthy-false-accusation of espionage.

Chairlady Donna Allen read telegrams from the famous authors and humanists, Bertrand Russell, Arnold Wesser, author of "Chips With Everything"; Robert Bolt, author of "A Man For All Seasons"; and from the president of Local #142, Longshoremen's Union, in Hawaii, who demanded the liberation of Morton Sobell in the name of the 22,000 members of his union.

The assemblage unanimously adopted a resolution to continue the fight for the complete liberation of Morton Sobell.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

DATE: 5/12/64

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Identity of Source:

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[REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info:

Rally for MORTON SOBELL at
Cooper Union, NYC, 4/23/64

Date Received:

4/28/64 [REDACTED]

Received By:

SA [REDACTED] (written) ^{B7C}

Original Location:

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A copy of informant's written report follows:

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April 23, 1964
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On April 23, 1964 there was a rally for MORTON SOBELL at Cooper Union. This meeting was to initiate the drive for Citizens Full Pardon for Sobell. Among those present were:

PERLIN - Attorney for MORTON SOBELL
HELEN SOBELL and son

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Identity of source: [REDACTED] ^{B7D}, who has furnished
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Description of info: Meeting for "Morton Sobell"
at Cooper Union, NYC

Date received: [REDACTED]

Received by: [REDACTED] ^{B7C}
(written)

Original location: [REDACTED] ^{B7D}

A copy of informant's written report follows:

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April 23, 1964
N.Y.C.

There was a "citizens full pardon for Morton Sobell" meeting held at Cooper Union on April 23, 1964.

Attending on stage:

DORA ALLEN (phonetic) from Washington, D.C.
Acting Chairman

HELEN SOBELL & Son
PERLIN Att. for SOBELL
Pro. BURNHAM
PHIL OCHES folk singer.

Others included.

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SOBELL's inocenties was proclaimed by all speakers
and a petition campain was started to demand a full pardon
for SOBELL.

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Identity of Source:

[REDACTED] B7D who has furnished reliable information in the past (Conceal)

Description of info:

Sobell Committee mass rally at Cooper Union on 4/24/64.

Date Received:

4/28/64

Original Located:

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SOBELL and Prof. RODELL both spoke at the affair after OCHS' entertainment.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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~~April 26, 1964~~

The Sobell Committee held a mass rally at Cooper Union on April 24, 1964. There were between 400-500 people present. [REDACTED] present at the rally were HELEN SOBELL, MARK SOBELL, SYDNEY SOBELL, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] B7D

The theme of the rally was SOBELL's innocence.

DONNA ALLEN, from Washington D.C., was the chairman. Mrs ALLEN indicated that the government killed the ROSENBERGS, therefore, how can they free SOBELL. She pointed out that the prosecuting attorney at the trial, ROY COHN, is presently on trial himself for fraud and perjury.

MARSHALL PERLIN followed Mrs ALLEN. Mr PERLIN reviewed the trial, pointing out the kidnapping from Mexico, the only witness, a perjurer, who connected SOBELL with the ROSENBERGS. Mr PERLIN indicated that the government told SOBELL plead guilty and they would be easy on him.

BARROWS DUNHAM followed MARSHALL PERLIN. His theme was a good government is one in which it allows its citizens to think unthinkable things.

PHIL OKES, a folksinger, followed Mr DUNHAM. "You are living in the free world, in the free world you must stay" is a sample line from his songs.

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

DATE: 6/10/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b-7-C

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE
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| SOURCE | ACTIVITY | RECEIVED | AGENT | LOCATION |
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| [REDACTED] b-1 | See Below | 6/8/64 | Writer | [REDACTED] |

Informant furnished the following described items: U b-1

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above. U

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer. U

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(HELEN SOBELL)

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on August 19, 1963, that the Los Angeles Sobell Committee is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate of captioned organization. U

Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL," the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." U

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.) U

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee. U

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 16, 1963, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York. U

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FOR MORTON SOBELL

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